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meet the author david guterson

March 17, 7 pm

Kalamazoo Central High School Auditorium

David Guterson's love of the landscape and culture of the Pacific Northwest inspires the settings and characters of *Snow Falling on Cedars*, for which he won the 1995 PEN/Faulkner award and received a Guggenheim Fellowship for Fiction in 1996.

After earning a masters degree in creative writing at the University of Washington, Guterson spent 12 years as a teacher and freelance author/journalist. He lives on Bainbridge Island in Puget Sound with his wife and four children and spends every moment he can in Washington's out of doors.

See a live, on-stage interview with author David Guterson. Books will be available for sale and signing. Doors open at 6 pm. Open seating; no ticket required.

reading together images

The memory of what happened to its Japanese residents during World War II haunts San Piedro Island, north of Puget Sound, the fictional setting of *Snow Falling on Cedars*. In a stunning violation of the U.S. Constitution, President Roosevelt authorized the forcible relocation and internment of approximately 120,000 Japanese Americans, most of them U.S. citizens. Given just days to prepare, they were forced to abandon homes, farms, businesses, and families.

Reading Together will offer two photo exhibitions from **March 5 through April 14 at the Central Library** depicting those interned. "For the Sake of the Children" (Kodomo No Tame Ni) documents four generations of Japanese Americans on Bainbridge Island, the real-life model for San Piedro. David Guterson credits this exhibition with inspiring him to write *Snow Falling on Cedars*.

Despite the injustice they suffered, many interned Japanese American men volunteered for the U.S. military during WWII. Many served together in the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, the most decorated combat unit of its size in the history of the United States Army. "Go for Broke" depicts this unit in images from the National Archives in training and on the front lines in Italy.



western dance project

March 31, 11 am, Central

See The Western Dance Project perform the piece they premiered at Dance Chicago Festival's 15th Anniversary Spectacular last fall! "Yes, and..." was created with innovative sounds and music of Barbatuques, a Brazilian body percussion group.

The Project's performance in the Central Library's rotunda features works from their touring repertoire, choreographed by professionals, faculty, and fellow students, maybe including a hip hop duet.



Photo: John Lacko

Artistic director David Curwen says students audition each spring for The Project; 12 are selected. Their training includes ballet, jazz, and modern dance. They perform 10-20 times during the year.

Don't miss these talented dancers!

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Wisdom Corner (KPL) by Suzanne Blaine Siegel

Art Hop: Luminosities

March 5, 6-8 pm, Central

With her "interpretive realist paintings," Suzanne Blaine Siegel seeks to infuse transcendent sensibility in images of everyday experience. She focuses on luminous, glowing light sources, reflective surfaces, evocative color combinations, and areas of subtle gradations of tone along with deep shadow and dramatic contrast in treating her real-life subjects. She especially loves painting reflections in puddles and on wet pavement. Before earning her master of fine arts at WMU, she studied figure drawing with David Small and painting with Victoria Littna and Ann Meade. She now offers classes, workshops, and private art tutorials.

poetry feast

How to Write Poems

March 18, 4 pm, Central

Each year the Kalamazoo Friends of Poetry sponsors the Poems That Ate Our Ears contest for poets of all ages. Area teachers/writers share sure-fire strategies to pull amazing poems from students' pens. Leave with a packet of ideas and have fun, too.

Mayapple Reading

April 13, 7 pm, Central

Fiction writer Rhoda Stamell, *The Art of Ruin*, and poet Marion Boyer, *The Clock of the Long Now*, will read from recent books by Saginaw's Mayapple Press. Other local Mayapple writers will open for them.

author visits

David Small

April 14, 6:30 pm, Central

In a repeat of the wildly popular world premiere of *Stitches* at KPL last fall, we'll interview

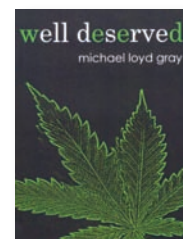


David, and learn how he came to write *Stitches*, his brilliant, searing graphic novel for teens/adults about his bizarre and disturbing childhood in an abusive family.

Michael Loyd Gray

April 28, 7 pm, Central

With the clarity and determination of a prophecy, Gray's 2008 novel *Well Deserved*



chronicles the struggles of four people as they come to the stark realization that their paths are not solitary, but entwined, and their lives hinge on one shared moment.

concerts

Come early to save your seat!

Enso String Quartet

March 11, 7 pm, Central

Enjoy the athletic, crisp, and expressive style of the Enso String Quartet, winner of the 2004 Banff International String Competition, 2003 Concert Artists Guild, the Fischhoff National Chamber Music and Chamber Music Yellow Springs competitions. In this free concert, Enso will weave informative talks with its performance. Appearance courtesy of Fontana Chamber Arts.

Brothers Kalamazov

March 24, 7 pm, Central

Musicians and songwriters Nathan Durham, Jay Gavan, and David Teske, and percussionist Carolyn Koebel are The Brothers Kalamazov. This lively group performs an eclectic range of original and traditional songs on a wide range of instruments, from guitar and bass to banjo, flute, and saxophone. Musical influences include jazz, Celtic, bluegrass, and Tin Pan Alley.

Red Tail Ring

April 21, 7 pm, Central

Hailing from Michigan's two peninsulas, Michael Beauchamp and Laurel Premo joined to form Red Tail Ring, a duo with roots firmly planted in Appalachian old-time and folk music, yet forging new arrangements with haunting harmonies and an expansive dynamic range. With their name, Red Tail Ring seeks to evoke tales of the backwoods, wild in their formation, and wise at their core.

The Duffield/Caron Project

May 19, 7 pm, Central

Pianist Tom Duffield and singer Lorraine Caron specialize in blues, boogie-woogie, and ballads. He's a blues veteran, having played with Loaded Dice, the Loaded Dice Trio, and billions of solo piano gigs throughout the region. She co-hosts WMUK-FM's Grassroots acoustic music program and has been singin' in the bathtub, and other venues, for a long time.



Beautifully Wrapped

May 26, 6:30 pm, Central

Anthropologist Zarinah El-Amin Naeem, a master wrapper, will show how to tie several styles of exquisite headwraps for everyday use and special occasions as she shares the history of head-wrapping in America. Sample wraps will be available, but each participant is encouraged to bring a 2-yard piece of fabric. Regular headwrappers may trade wraps with others in a "Headwrap Swap." For women and girls, aged 8 and up. Registration required; call 553-7913.



craft couture

Artist and crafter Jessica Aguilera will lead adults in these very cool crafts. Registration required; call 553-7880.

"Bead-iful" Beads

April 20, 6:30 pm, Central

Learn how to make unique and colorful beads with fabric.

Everlasting Flowers

May 18, 6:30 pm, Central

Make an adorable flowerpot that will never need watering!



Top: Enso String Quartet; Red Tail Ring
Bottom: The Duffield/Caron Project;
Brothers Kalamazov

history & genealogy

writing group

Each session includes a presentation followed by a hands-on workshop.

Self-Publishing

March 10, 6 pm, Powell

Discuss the dos and don'ts of self publishing with Sonya and Sean Hollins, owners of Fortitude Graphic Design and Printing, and some of the authors who have self published their books with Fortitude's help. Bring your manuscript, ideas, and questions about the process.

Talking Circle

April 14, 6 pm, Powell

Jacque Eatmon will lead a Talking Circle, an interactive exercise that helps participants share their family traits, values, health, and childhood stories. Bring a valued keepsake to this session and learn a method for passing your family history to younger generations.

Memoir Writing

May 12, 6 pm, Powell

Learn how to gather personal memories and family tales plus techniques for focusing and formatting a memoir with Donna Odom, Kalamazoo Valley Museum museum educator and president of the Southwest Michigan Black Heritage Society.

genealogy

Genealogy Lock-In

March 12, 6-10 pm, Central

After-hours event for genealogists. Explore databases and Kalamazoo County vital records, learn how to use the microfilm reader/scanner/printer, save images to CD or flash drive—or just take advantage of free copying and printing. Free parking in the library lot. Registration required; call 553-7808 beginning March 2.

Intro to Genealogy

April 9, 1:30-3:30 pm, Central

Start compiling your family tree at this workshop in the library's computer lab. Learn how to search Ancestry.com, Heritage Quest, and KPL's own index to local newspapers featuring vital statistics back to 1834. Registration required; call 553-7808 beginning March 16.

history

Lost and Found: Shipwrecks of West Michigan

May 5, 7 pm, Central

Dozens of shipwrecks rest in the cold, clear water just off the shores of West Michigan in a nearly timeless state of preservation. Explore wrecks that span the history of shipping on Lake Michigan with Valerie van Heest, local shipwreck hunter, author, and member of the Women Divers Hall of Fame.



The Lighthouse Keeper's Daughter

May 13, 7 pm, Central

Artist Frances Platske describes her childhood summers spent in the Apostle Islands, where her lighthouse keeper father, Alva Carpenter, guided mariners by Lake Superior's isolated Outer and Raspberry islands. She's devoted her life to preserving this bygone era of American history.

Your House's History

May 17, 7-8:30 pm, Central

May is Historic Preservation Month! Learn more about your old house or the building where you work. A variety of resources and techniques can help answer questions about the origin, architecture, owners, and events associated with buildings. Registration required; call 553-7808 beginning April 26.

What's New?

Read "The Dilemma of Downtown Parking," one of the newest stories on the Local History website: www.kpl.gov/local-history/essays.

@ your library

Ask a Lawyer

March 3, April 7, May 5, 6-8 pm, Powell

March 11, April 8, May 13, 6-8 pm, Central

March 12, April 9, May 14, 11:30 am-1 pm, Central

Free legal clinic for low to moderate income persons with County Bar Association volunteer lawyers. Get help with most areas of civil law, including landlord-tenant problems, civil litigation issues, divorce and family law. Call 553-7920 to schedule a 20-minute appointment.

Business Research Essentials

March 10, April 14, May 12, 7 pm, Central

Discover free resources to help you make informed decisions about your business future. Learn how to find information on industry trends, estimate the size of your market, identify potential customers and competitors, determine the best way to promote your product or service, and more. Offered by the Michigan Small Business and Technology Development Center. Space limited. Registration required; call 387-6004.

Free Tax Preparation

March 13, 10 am-2:30 pm, Central

March 27, 10:30 am-3 pm, Oshtemo

Tax preparation help for individuals or families with a household income under \$49,000 in 2009, provided by an IRS-certified community tax volunteer from VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance). Appointment required. Call 211 to sign up and for a list of what to bring.

Ten Steps to Self Publishing

April 13, 6:30 pm, Eastwood

Writers who want to learn how to bring their book idea to fruition will learn the basic steps of self-publishing whether for family members, a business, or wider distribution. With Sonya Hollins, author/publisher of *Here I Stand*.

finding a job

In these sessions, discuss and review necessary skills, determine individual needs, then practice what you've learned. Registration required; call 553-7840.

Job Seeking Tips & Tricks

March 4, 2-4 pm, Central

April 7, 2-4 pm, Central

Laid off, just graduated, or looking for work after an extended absence? Learn about many helpful library materials and discover community and Internet resources. Become a savvy job seeker using a variety of searching tools.

Resumés & Cover Letters

March 11, 2-4 pm, Central

April 14, 2-4 pm, Central

Discuss the ins and outs of resumé and cover letter writing. Bring your current resumé for review and suggestions, or begin creating it during the workshop.

Interviewing Skills

March 18, 2-4 pm, Central

April 21, 2-4 pm, Central

Learn how to present yourself, what to wear, how to answer questions, and what information you should and should not discuss in a job interview. Increase your confidence by rehearsing one-on-one in a mock interview.



book groups

Discuss classics, best-sellers, and little-known gems.



Oshtemo

Second Tuesday
Oshtemo, 1 pm

A Mercy

by Toni Morrison
March 9

Dewey: The Small-Town Library Cat Who Touched the World

by Vicki Myron
April 13

Reader's Choice

May 11
Share your favorite recent reads!



Classics Revisited

Third Thursday
Central, 7 pm

A Death in the Family

by James Agee
March 18

Leaves of Grass

by Walt Whitman
April 15

The Big Sleep

by Raymond Chandler
May 20

computer training

quick self-assessment

Give yourself a check-up on your computer skills!

- Can you open, maximize, minimize, and close windows on your computer?
- Do you know what a flash drive is?
- Can you attach documents to an email?
- Can you save things on your computer without losing them?
- Can you name several search engines?
- Do you know what a URL is?
- What are three peripherals that you use with your computer?
- Are memory and storage the same thing?
- What would you list as your computer skills if you were answering an employment ad?
- What browser do you use?
- Windows 7 or Office 2007? Is there a difference?
- Do you know how to access your email from a computer other than your own?

build skills

Gain confidence and acquire important skills! KPL offers a variety of computer classes each month in a computer lab on Central Library's third floor. Each two-hour class features a detailed handout and personal instruction.

Registration Required

Class registration begins the 15th of the month before the month in which the class will be offered. Register online—go to www.kpl.gov/computer-training/, then select the class you want to take, or call 553-7862. Dates/times are logged for both calls and online registration, so class space is filled in chronological order.



Residents Register First

Priority registration for library district residents begins March 15. Non-residents will go on a waiting list and be notified 48 hours prior to the class if space is available. Not sure if you live in the district? KPL's district closely duplicates the Kalamazoo Public School district. Call 553-7806 to check your address.

Reciprocal/Nonresident

Those who don't live in the district may choose to pay an annual fee (\$190 per family) for a KPL card with full KPL privileges, including priority registration for computer classes. Learn more at www.kpl.gov/account/reciprocal.

free classes

Complete schedule, detailed descriptions, and class prerequisites available online. Registration required. www.kpl.gov/computer-training

NEW CLASSES

Word Workout

March 23, May 25, 2-4 pm, Central
April 28, 10 am-12 pm, Central

Mastered the basics? Delve deeper into page design, working with text, and getting artistic.

Everyday Law Online

April 13, May 5, 2-4 pm, Central

Find credible web sources to answer property disputes, small claims court, and other legal questions.

Save Cents Online

April 15, 6-8 pm, Central
May 6, 10 am-12 pm, Oshtemo

Stretch your dollars with free products, great deals, and money-saving coupons on the web.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

Publisher Basics

March 12, May 21, 10 am-12 pm, Central

Use desktop publishing to create cards, calendars, posters, and more.

Computer Safety

March 26, 10 am-12 pm, Central
April 28, 2-4 pm, Central

Protect yourself and your computer from malware, computer viruses, and identity theft.

Social Networking

March 29, 6-8 pm, Central
April 22, 10 am-12 pm, Central

Twitter, Tweeting, Facebook, tagging—learn what it means and how to join the fun!

tween/teen

Drop Zone

March 11, April 8, May 13, 4-5 pm, Eastwood

March 25, April, 22, May 27, 4-5 pm,

Washington Square

Drop in Downstairs @ your library for some after school festivities! Enjoy games, crafts and fun. We'll break out the Wii and games, and of course there will be snacks. **Tweens only.**

J-Pop Club

March 22, April 19, May 24,

3:30-5 pm, Central

Enjoy the latest media (and food) straight from Japan. Anime, manga and Pocky for all. Vote for your favorite anime series, and tell us what to get next! If you love Japanese pop culture, then you'll love this casual club. Stop in any time during the event! **Teens only.**



Gamers' Arena

March 26, 2-4 pm, Central

Kick off Spring Break with other game loving teens. Special Friday Gamers' Arena will feature Wii Resort along with other Wii, card, board, PS2 and Xbox games. Gamers of all levels are welcome. **Teens only.**

SmashKart Tournament

March 29, 2-4 pm, Central

Get your game on in one of our most popular Wii tournaments! Race against your friends in Mario Kart, or pound away at your enemies in Super Smash Bros. Brawl! Prizes, snacks, and fun! **Teens only.**

Beach Crafts [®]

March 30, 3-4 pm, Eastwood

Spending Spring Break in Kalamazoo? Hit the beach @ your library! We'll have several hot beach crafts to make from pillows to jewelry. We'll supply the materials, you supply the creativity. **Registration required, limit 15. Tweens and teens.**

Rock Band Tournament

March 31, 2-4 pm, Central

Form a virtual band, choose from guitar, bass, drums or vocals and play along with your favorite songs. No experience necessary. Prizes, snacks and fun! **Teens only.**

Bingo

April 1, 1-2 pm, Eastwood

Old-fashioned fun with a library twist! Prizes, snacks and laid-back Spring Break fun! Bingo cards and daubers provided. **Tweens and teens.**

Prom Prep

April 10, 1-3 pm, Central

Everything you need to prepare for prom! Fabulous dresses and accessories, free to you! If you see something you like, try it on! If it fits, take it home! **Teens only.**

ReCraft: Cereal Boxes [®]

April 21, 6-7 pm, Powell

April 29, 4-5 pm, Eastwood

In celebration of Earth Day, we're ReCrafting again @ your library. Just imagine what you can do with a cereal box. Turn it into a bookmark, a journal, or more. We'll supply the materials, you supply the creativity. **Registration required, limit 15. Tweens and teens.**



Central Library

Teen Services
315 S Rose St
553-7807

Eastwood

1112 Gayle Ave
553-7810

Oshtemo

7265 W Main St
553-7980

Alma Powell

1000 W Paterson St
553-7960

Washington Square

1244 Portage St
553-7970

T.A.B.

March 3, April 7, May 5,
3:30-5 pm, Central

Teen Advisory Board (T.A.B.) members help Teen Services staff plan and promote great teen programs, work on community service projects, discuss books, movies, music and web sites, have snacks, play games, and just have fun! Membership looks great on resumés, job and college applications. **Teens only.**

Galley Review Group

March 4, April 1, May 6,
4-5 pm, Central

Be the first to read new teen books, even before they are published! Provide feedback to publishers, meet other teen readers and make your voice heard. Special advance reader copies will be available for checkout at each meeting. Bring a friend! **Teens only.**



Kalamazoo, River: US

April 28, 6:30 pm, Central

Filmmaker Matt Dunstone will host a free screening of his zany documentary about the industrial pollution and ongoing cleanup of the Kalamazoo River. Dunstone's movie combines music, comedy, and facts into an entertaining and informative mix that the *Kalamazoo Gazette* calls "a must-see movie for all who reside near the river's shores."

Cardboard Tube [®] Fighting League

May 15, 2-4 pm, Washington Square

For centuries, humans have battled with swords, sticks, lightsabers, and other long staff-like things, but it takes real skill to fight someone with cardboard tubes! Just like when you were 5 years old, the rules are simple: grab a tube, face off against your enemy, and the first one to break a tube loses! Bring your own cardboard armor... we'll supply tubes. Prizes! Fight or be recycled! **Registration required. Tweens and teens.**

Hip Hop Mystery [®]

May 19, 6-7:30 pm, Powell

Food, fun, prizes! Hip-hop trivia and a murder. Guess who murdered whom, with what, where to win the grand prize. **Registration required, limit 24; call 553-7960. Tweens and teens.**



Meet the Author: Mark Crilley

May 20, 6:30 pm, Central

Fasten your seatbelts! Meet Mark Crilley, the high-energy, funny author of the manga series *Miki Falls* and the *Akiko* graphic novels. Mark tells jokes, reads from his books using his character's voices, and draws during his presentations. He'll talk about his work as a storyteller, writer, and illustrator and provide tips for aspiring writers and artists. Books for sale and signing. All ages!

Reading Together

Check out Reading Together's cool programs about Japanese culture for all ages.

Shodo, Japanese Calligraphy [®]

March 16, 6 pm or 7:30 pm, Central

April 26, 6 pm or 7:30 pm, Central

Shodo, the Japanese version of calligraphy, uses ink and brush. Learn how to write your name in this lovely, precise art form. **Registration required; call 553-7913.**

Kendo: The Way of the Sword

March 23, 7 pm, Central

See the Battle Creek Kendo Club demonstrate kendo—the Japanese martial art known as "the way of the sword." Family-friendly program open to all ages.

Chanoyu: The Way of Tea

March 27, 2 pm, Central

Observe chanoyu, the Japanese ceremony of preparing and presenting tea, followed by a show of Japanese kimonos. Family-friendly program open to all ages.

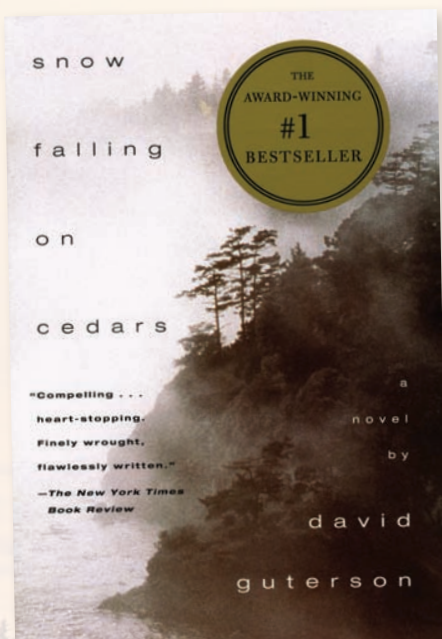
Origami [®]

March 22, 7 pm, Central

Try your hand at origami, the Japanese art of folding paper into beautiful creations. Family-friendly program. **Registration required; call 553-7913.**

www.readingtogether.us

Reading Together



All events are free and open to the public, except as noted. www.readingtogether.us

A Conversation About Race

March 2, 7 pm, Central

YWCA's Racial Justice program will lead this discussion of *Snow Falling on Cedars*. Registration required; call 553-7913.

The Book as a Literary Classic

March 9, 7 pm, Central

WMU English professor Nicolas Witschi looks at the rich characterization, imagery, plot, and setting that make *Snow Falling on Cedars* an engaging, compelling classic.

See the Movie!

March 12, 7 pm, Kalamazoo Valley Museum, 230 N Rose St

Snow Falling on Cedars starred Ethan Hawke, Max Von Sydow, and Youki Kudoh. Nominated for an Oscar in cinematography. Tickets, \$3.

Shodo, Japanese Calligraphy ®

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This Japanese version of calligraphy uses ink and brush. Learn how to write your name in this lovely, precise art form. Registration required; call 553-7913.

Japan and Modern History

March 18, 6 pm, Fetzer Center, WMU

The government of Japan awarded Carol Gluck, Columbia University professor of history, the Order of the Rising Sun in 2006. Her forthcoming book is *Past Obsessions: World War Two in Japanese History and Memory*.

Understanding Diverse Cultures

March 21, 2 pm, Portage District Library, 300 Library Lane

Talk about books that spark spirited conversations about multiculturalism, ethnicity, and diversity. Co-sponsored by the Southwest Michigan Black Heritage Society.

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How Nisei Served in WWII

March 25, 7 pm, Central

120,000 Japanese-Americans were forcibly detained in WWII relocation camps, yet some volunteered for U.S. military service. Iwao Ishino and Sadayoshi Omoto will tell their stories of internment and military intelligence. WMU history professor Takashi Yoshida will moderate.

Chanoyu: The Way of Tea

March 27, 2 pm, Central

Observe the Japanese ceremony of preparing and presenting tea, followed by a kimono display. Family-friendly program.

Korematsu v U.S.

March 31, 7 pm, Central

WMU professor Mark Hurwitz discusses WWII internment of Japanese-Americans, the ACLU's fight against it, one of the U.S. Supreme Court's darkest moments, and Fred Korematsu's courage and ultimate vindication.

Putting Human Back into Human Rights

April 15, 6:30 pm, First Baptist Church, 315 W Michigan Ave

What can history teach us about solving today's conflicts? Hear an inspiring presentation by Frank Kitamoto, interned at Manzanar in WWII. See “For the Sake of the Children,” a photo exhibit, and enjoy taiko (Japanese drumming). Co-sponsored by the WMU Race Exhibit Initiative. www.raceexhibit.org



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Kalamazoo, MI 49007

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Thursday	10 am - 4 pm
Friday	10 am - 4 pm
Saturday	10 am - 4 pm

Located on the lower level of the Central Library. Questions? Call 553-7820.

friends

donations needed

Have you purged your bookshelves to make room for all of the new volumes you received for holiday gifts? Please consider donating gently used volumes to the Friends Bookstore on the lower level of Central Library. We are particularly in need of children's books. Your donations are tax-deductible and proceeds are used for the benefit of your library.



dinner with friends

Join the Friends for their annual meeting, entertainment, and dinner on **Tuesday, May 11, 6 pm, at the Fetzer Center, Western Michigan University**. Enjoy an evening of "Burns and Brel and Serendipity" with playwright Arnold Johnston. He'll share highlights of his writing, teaching, translating, and performing career, spiced by snippets of song and readings from his works. A very brief business meeting will precede Johnston's performance.

"Theatre can't exist without playwrights—makers of plays," asserts Arnold Johnston. Fortunately for Kalamazoo, Johnston

has written a number of plays both alone and in collaboration with his wife, Deborah Ann Percy, that have won awards, production, and publication across the country. Johnston chaired WMU's English Department from 1997 to 2007, founded its playwriting program, and cofounded its creative writing program. He is now a full-time writer-performer.

Arnie Johnston's poetry, fiction, and non-fiction have appeared widely in literary journals. An accomplished actor-singer, he has also performed extensively on stage and radio. His most recent works are *The Witching Voice: A Novel from the Life of Robert Burns*; *Duets: Love Is Strange*, six one-act plays written with Percy; and *I'm Here: Songs of Jacques Brel*, a CD of Brel's music translated and performed by Johnston.

Cost for the entire evening is only \$25 per person. Fetzer's handicapped accessible building features ample free parking. This promises to be a very popular program so reserve early by sending in the attached RSVP along with your check made out to FKPL. We look forward to seeing you there!

RSVP

requested by Monday, May 3, 2010. Thank you!

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

_____ Number attending at \$25 each. Total enclosed: _____ Meal selection: ☐ Chicken ☐ Vegetarian
Dinner includes main dish (chicken or vegetarian alternative), salad, bread/rolls, dessert, coffee, tea, soft drinks.

Please make check payable to FKPL. Return this form with your payment to:
Friends of Kalamazoo Public Library, 315 S. Rose St., Kalamazoo MI 49007

nonprofit resources

ONEplace celebrates first year

March 3 marks one year since ONEplace@kpl started offering Opportunities for Nonprofit Excellence to nonprofits in Kalamazoo County. In the first 12 months, we held 101 capacity-building and networking workshops and events, attended by 1,400+ people. More than 2,200 individuals or groups received help

on issues ranging from 'what is a nonprofit,' to board development, fundraising, and dissolution.

ONEplace launched networks for consultants and trainers, new executive directors, and other role-specific professionals. The circulating resource collection was expanded. A robust, informative website offers 24/7 support, workshop registration, and timely nonprofit news. ONEplace also supports 47 local nonprofits participating in Michigan NOW and Recover Michigan programs of the Michigan Nonprofit Association.



a sample of spring offerings

Most of the events below will be held at KPL's Central Library. Confirm location and register online by selecting the event that interests you from the calendar, www.kpl.gov/ONEplace/calendar. For current news/events, visit the ONEplace website and subscribe to the eNews at www.kpl.gov/ONEplace/enews.

Roundtables: Networking

See website calendar for dates and target groups. Informal skill-building and issue exploration among role-specific peers.

Technology Tools

March 9, April 13, May 11, 10 am-12 pm

Webinars describe free and low-cost technology tools for small/mid-sized nonprofits.

Grant Writing Basics

March 11, May 13, 12-1:30 pm

Step-by-step guide for writing powerful grant proposals that meet funders' requirements.

Evaluation Series

March 15, April 19, 1-4 pm

Survey data collection and using the data to improve programs round out this series.

Media Mania II

March 16, 9:30 am-12 pm

Build better websites; use social media to raise funds and build communities.

Grant Seeking Lab

March 22, April 12, 10-11:30 am

May 6, 2-3:30 pm

Explore KPL's powerful Foundation Center Directory Online.

Collaborations and Mergers

March 24, 10-11:30 am

Legal issues to consider in building multi-organization agreements or dissolving.

Fundraising Webinars

March 24, April 6, May 20, 1-2:30 pm

Fundraising skill-building for EDs, boards, and development staff.

Board Development Planning

April 6, 9:30 am-12 pm

Learn to increase skills and capacities to govern efficiently and effectively.

Prospecting for Prospects

May 6, 10-11:30 am

Identify prospects and their potential for supporting your nonprofit campaign.

grateful comments

Such an informative workshop. [Now] we have more tools [for] our fund development committee.
— Mimi, September 2009

What a great seminar. I am so excited about the work you are doing.
— Sherie, September 2009

I appreciate all that ONEplace has to offer to those trying to keep little programs afloat!
— Jeanne, November 2009

[We're] delighted with the level of professionalism and high quality of information [at your seminars].
— Kendra, November 2009

Another invaluable resource and great instruction—thank you!
— Kate, December 2009

Another fantastic calendar; such an array of opportunities!
— Mary, December 2009

Congratulations! This is a truly impressive list of seminars.
— Rosalie, January 2010



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director's note



planning for KPL's future

You may have read about the library's strategic planning initiative in the *Kalamazoo Gazette*. The *Gazette* described this effort as a cost-cutting exercise, but it's much more than that.



With the help of Sandra Nelson, a nationally known and highly regarded library strategic planner, KPL will spend some months considering current, anticipated,

and possible future community needs—then determining which of those needs a library (KPL) can help meet.

The process begins with a set of 18 possible service responses—what a library does for, or offers to, the public to help meet well-defined community needs. The national Public Library Association created these service responses in 1987 as a library planning tool; they've been updated and revised several times since then, most recently in 2007.

In the first stage of the process, KPL will seek input on those needs from library staff, managers, and trustees, and the public, through a group of community representatives. KPL selected these individuals because their professional and/or volunteer work engenders a deep understanding of a sector of the community: education, health and human services, business and economic development, civic and political, arts and culture, ethnic, religious, and other segments.

The group met once in February to envision Kalamazoo in ten years, then to identify the community's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats to that vision of the future. I then described KPL's capacity and its potential for contributing to that envisioned future.

Finally, the group discussed the 18 service responses and KPL's potential contribution. Now, library staff, managers, and trustees will respond to their input. Our goal is to whittle those 18 to five or six so that we can more effectively plan for the future—to offer library services that reflect local priorities and best utilize KPL's strengths.

Learn more about the process on our website, www.kpl.gov/strategic-planning.

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Spring Fun

Beauty and the Beast

March 18, 6:30 pm, Oshtemo

Experience the wonder and adventure of Stevens Puppets’ “Beauty and the Beast” performed with hand carved, beautifully costumed marionettes. Family.

Birds in Art

March 26, 3 pm, Powell

Join “Dr. Bird Brain” of the Kalamazoo Nature Center as he introduces the work of innovative artist John James Audubon. Get creative with “Birds in Art.” Grades K-6.

Movie & Popcorn

Aliens in the Attic, March 27, 2 pm, Powell

Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs, April 3, 2 pm, Powell

Enjoy a good movie and yummy popcorn!

Reading Is Magic

March 29, 1 pm, Eastwood

May 12, 6:30 pm, Oshtemo

Alan Kazam entertains with magic, music, and comedy that will wow both children and adults. Family.

Animals to Go

March 30, 1 pm, Oshtemo

Drop in and create some crafty versions of cats, dogs, and other pets in this make and take workshop. Hear some great animal stories, too! Preschool – grade 6.

Craft Night

March 31, 6 pm, Powell

Have all kinds of fun making all kinds of things with yarn, pompoms, feathers, buttons, ribbon, and more. No registration required. Grades K-6.

Llamas @ the Library

April 2, 2 pm, Eastwood

Like animals? Meet real live llamas in this informative and entertaining program with Brian Brook! Family.

Día de los Niños/Día de los Libros

April 24, 11 am, Central


Come celebrate children and books with stories and songs in Spanish and English and a special performance by Fantasía Ballet Folklórico. Crafts, door prizes, sweet treats, and every child will receive a free book. Fun for the whole family.

If You Give a Moose a Muffin

April 27, 6:30 pm, Central

Kalamazoo Junior Dance Company will present a story dance based on Laura Numeroff’s classic children’s book, *If You Give a Moose a Muffin*. Learn the major elements of dance and music through storytelling and try out some of your own dance moves. Family program. We will start handing out numbers one hour before this performance. Everyone in a group must be present to receive a number.

Storytimes

Storytimes for children from birth to 5 years! Librarians consider children’s developmental stages when planning stories, fingerplays, and craft activities. Some programs require registration (indicated by this symbol ). An adult caregiver must accompany babies and toddlers up to 3½ years. Questions? Talk to your children’s librarian.

Baby Lapsit, birth-walking

March 5, 12, 19, 26, 10:15 am, Washington Square

April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 10:15 am, Oshtemo

May 6, 13, 20, 27, 10 am, Eastwood

15-30 minutes of rhymes, songs, and books followed by a chance to talk and bond with other caregivers. Siblings may attend as guests.

Baby Steps, walking-2 years

March 5, 12, 19, 26, 11 am, Washington Square

April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 11 am, Oshtemo

May 6, 13, 20, 27, 10:45 am, Eastwood

15-30 minutes of rhymes, songs, and books that give your little one a chance to try the newly learned skills of walking, clapping, jumping, and dancing. Siblings may attend as guests.

Toddler Storytime, 2-3½ years

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 10 am, Central

April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 10:30 am, Washington Square

May 5, 12, 19, 26, 10:30 am, Oshtemo

Toddlers and caregivers will enjoy this lap-sit of stories, songs, and a simple craft. Siblings may attend as guests.

Preschool Storytime, 3½-5 years

March 4, 11, 18, 25, 10:30 am, Eastwood

April 5, 12, 19, 26, 10 am, Central

May 7, 14, 21, 10:30 am, Washington Square

This first “on your own” storytime for preschoolers includes stories, crafts, fingerplays, and other fun activities.

Family Storytime

March 2, 9, 16, 23, 12 noon, Powell

March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 10:30 am, Oshtemo

April 6, 13, 20, 27, 12 noon, Powell

April 7, 14, 21, 28, 10 am, Eastwood

May 3, 10, 17, 24, 10 am, Central

May 4, 11, 18, 25, 12 noon, Powell

Storytime for the whole family! If storytime is at noon, feel free to bring a lunch. No registration required.

Baby Storytime, birth-2 years

March 16 – April 20, Tuesdays, 6:30 pm, Central

Circle time with plenty of movement for caregivers and baby. 15-30 minutes of songs, rhymes, books and more! Older preschool kids can attend with caregivers to learn songs and rhymes to share with their dolls and stuffed animals.

New! Sing Along Storytime

March 4, 6:30 pm, Central, Van Deusen

May 11, 6:30 pm, Central, Van Deusen

Storytime fun for the whole family. Your favorite sing-along songs, puppets, and fun!

Registration required.

Registration begins 30 days before program.

Please call the library location to register. New!

Now you can register for children’s programs

online, day or night, right from the KPL website!

kids

Spring

March – May 2010

The Challenge Inspires Students

Students, parents and teachers love the Global Reading Challenge, KPL’s annual reading competition for 4th and 5th grade students. This popular program promotes the joy of reading and the understanding of different cultures through a rich variety of fictional characters.



Every year, children’s librarians choose ten great books that offer a range of reading levels so all students can join the fun. This year’s titles include award-winners *Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis, *The Whipping Boy* by Sid Fleischman, and *Locomotion* by Jacqueline Woodson.

Classroom teams of students read all ten books then answer questions about plots, characters, and settings in a series of spirited quiz bowls. Teachers find that teamwork builds reading confidence and encourages school pride.

Teams first vie to be their school’s champion in 12 library district schools throughout March. School champs then compete to represent their branch library in April. Five teams advance to the final district challenge on April 29.

All books are provided for each team through a grant from the Gary Sisters Foundation. Every participant receives a prize and a Global Reading Challenge certificate—500 students participated last year. A travelling trophy goes to the school that wins the Grand Challenge.



Locations

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Eastwood
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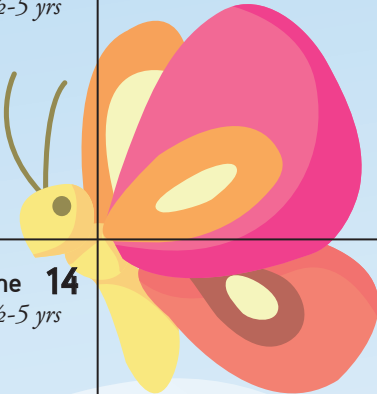
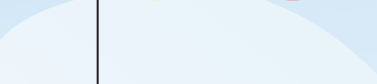

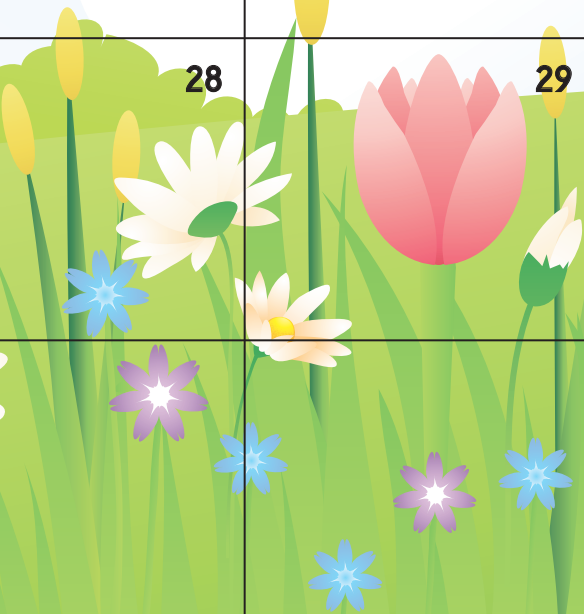
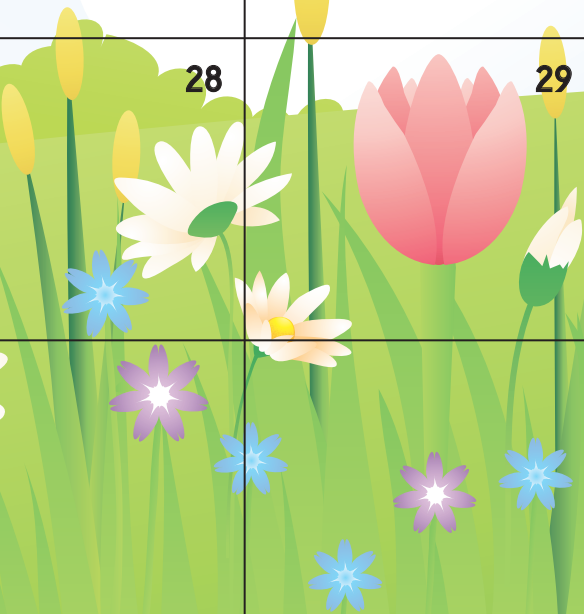
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